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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite yarn, comprising:

- (a) a core yarn having at least one metallic wire, and
- (b) a cover yarn, ~~wherein one of the core yarn and the cover yarn comprises~~
~~including a fluid-soluble strand and the other of the core yarn and cover yarn comprises a~~
~~non-fluid-soluble strand~~ selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 1, wherein said core yarn ~~comprises a multi-filament water-soluble fiber yarn and said cover yarn comprises~~
consists of a single strand of metallic wire.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 5 1, wherein said core yarn comprises ~~760 denier/ 48 filament yarn~~ a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 5 1, wherein said core yarn comprises a ~~multi-filament yarn having a denier of between 20 and 2,000~~ 0.002 inch stainless steel wire.

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Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product intended for subsequent processing into a metallic fabric suitable for fabrication, comprising:

- (a) a fabric comprised of a core yarn having at least one metallic wire; and
- (b) a cover yarn, ~~wherein one of the core yarn and the cover yarn comprises~~ including a fluid-soluble strand and the other of the core yarn and cover yarn comprises a non-fluid-soluble strand selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid, which wherein said cover yarn can be dissolved after formation of the intermediate fabric product.

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said cover core yarn comprises ~~at least one metallic~~ a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said core yarn ~~comprises a multi-filament water-soluble fiber yarn~~ and said cover yarn ~~comprises~~ consists of a single strand of metallic wire.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~13~~ 9.

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wherein said core cover yarn comprises ~~760 denier/48 filament yarn~~ at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~13~~ 9, wherein said core yarn comprises a multi-filament yarn having a ~~denier of between 20 and 2,000~~ steel wire.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein said wire comprises a 0.002 inch stainless steel wire.

Claim 17 (original): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said intermediate fabric product comprises a knitted fabric.

Claims 18-34 (withdrawn).

Claim 35 (new): A composite yarn according to claim 1, wherein said cover yarn comprises at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 36 (new): A composite yarn according to claim 35, wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750.

Claim 37 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said fabric further comprises an elastomer for retaining a predetermined shape of the intermediate fabric product, wherein said elastomer remains after said cover yarn is dissolved.

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Claim 38 (new): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 14, wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750.